

*designated by the administrative judge of the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, and any employees of the Probation Department of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City who were principally engaged in parole and probation supervision and who are designated by the Chief Judge of the Supreme Bench, shall be transferred to the State Division of Parole and Probation, if they have been employed for at least six months prior to July 1, 1972* 1973, AND THE DIVISION ON AND AFTER JULY 1, 1973 SHALL ASSUME ALL OF THE DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS PREVIOUSLY ASSIGNED TO THE EMPLOYEES OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY DESIGNATED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION AND ALL OF THE DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS PREVIOUSLY ASSIGNED TO THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT OF THE SUPREME BENCH OF BALTIMORE CITY, INCLUDING THE DISPOSITION OF MATTERS PENDING ON THAT DATE.

(b) *Those employees who are transferred shall become classified employees of the State, subject to the provisions of the State Merit System law under this Article and shall be placed in that position which is comparable or most closely compares with their former position, without further examination or qualification, and without diminution or loss of any benefits to which entitled prior to July 1, 1972. They shall be credited with the years of service rendered in Prince George's County or Baltimore City for purposes of determining compensation rates, including longevity steps, and the basic rates for annual leave and sick leave.*

(c) *Those employees who are transferred shall become members of the State employees pension system under Article 73B of this Code and shall transfer all contributions as provided in Section 32A of Article 73B.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That Section 12-62 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Prince George's County (1963 Edition, being Article 17 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Prince George's County," subtitle "12. Circuit Court," sub-heading "Probation and Parole," be and it is hereby repealed.*

12-62.

【The County Commissioners of Prince George's County shall, in the month of July, 1959, and every two years thereafter, appoint one or more probation and parole officers to serve within the geographical limits of Prince George's County, under the direction of the State Department of Parole and Probation, for parole and probation purposes of the several Courts and Trial Magistrates of the County authorized to grant suspension of sentence. Before entering upon their duties, the parole and probation officers shall take oath before the Clerk of the Circuit Court of the County that they will diligently, or without partiality or prejudice, discharge the duties of office and such officers shall receive as compensation from the Board of County Commissioners the same annual remuneration as applies, in like classification of employment, within the State Merit System. The Board of County Commissioners are also authorized and empowered to pay operating expenses of such officers in such amounts as may be approved by the Board from time to time.

Such parole officer shall meet the requirements and qualifications of a probation officer of the Department of Parole and Probation, and